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Tom,

I assume your weekend has been like my weekend. I thought I would shoot you an email to identify areas for additional coordination. It looks like NMED and EPA are going to partner on analyzing well water samples for citizens. We need to make sure that both agencies are on the same page. Currently the plan is to setup our mobile command post near the State Fair in Farmington, NM. It is my understanding the State of New Mexico is interested in the model where the citizens would bring samples to a location to be analyzed. EPA and NMED would do an analysis of the sample. The constituents associated with this incident are metals. If metals associated with this incident are detected in the sample, we would need to go sample the well and provide bottled water while we sample and analyze the results. If there are constituents unrelated to the incident (volatile, semi-vols, pesticides, bacteria, etc.), these issues would be referred to the State for follow-up. We should also define a geographic area related to this incident and any issues identified outside of this area would be referred to the State.

We need to also discuss how the public becomes aware of this service. For example, issue a public service announcement, work through the local emergency managers, etc. We should probably provide the sampling bottles and have individual come pick up the bottles and use the bottles to collect the samples. This can minimize the potential of an individual using a container that had something strange in it previously.

There is a lot of discussion about providing water for livestock and irrigation. We need to work out the need and how to address these issues. We need to start looking at the results from Region 8 and comparing them to NMED standards for livestock and irrigation.

Operationally we continue to sample the 8 intakes in the Animas River. We now have two On-Scene Coordinators, two Drinking Water Specialists, and 9 Environmental Contractors in the field. We are meeting with the county today to discuss the needs associated with a potential alternative water supply.

Thanks,

Ronnie